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CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS.

TEXAS.

Surg. Guiteras reports the occurrence at Galveston of 13 cases of cerebrospinal meningitis with 3 deaths during the period from March 5 to 12, 1912.

Acting Asst. Surg. Fairbanks, at Brownsville, reports March 9 the presence of a case of cerebrospinal meningitis at Harlingen, Cameron County, Tex.

At Houston the health officer reports 21 cases with 9 deaths during the two weeks ended March 9, 1912.

At San Antonio the health officer reports the occurrence of 1 case during the week ended March 2, 1912.

OKLAHOMA.

From the time the first case was reported in December, 1911, to February 28, 1912, there have been reported cerebrospinal meningitis cases and deaths in the following counties of Oklahoma:[1]

County.	Cases.	Deaths.	County.	Cases.	Deaths.
Custer	2	1	Hughes	15	12
Kiowa	2	.....	Jackson	1	1
Garvin	4	3	Stephens	1	.....
Bryan	56	20	Seminole	4	2
Carter	10	4	Garfield	4	3
Love	20	7	Beaver	1	.....
Marshall	24	7	Haskell	1	1
McLain	7	3	Le Flore	1	.....
Comanche	10	3	Washington	1	1
Johnston	22	7	Pottawatomie	5	1
McCurtain	18	10	Creek	3	.....
Murray	2	1	Woods	1	.....
Osage	11	5	Tulsa	2	2
Choctaw	6	4	Grant	1	.....
Pontotoc	25	10	Wagoner	2	1
Pawnee	3	1	Coal	1	.....
Harmon	3	2	Okmulgee	1	.....
Muskogee	6	3	McIntosh	7	5
Pushmataha	3	1			
Atoka	1	.....	Total	282	121
Grady	1	.....			

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 1,485 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended March 2, 1912.

[1] Bulletin of the Oklahoma State board of health March 1912.

During the same period 1,760 acres of land in San Joaquin County and 3,245 acres in Stanislaus County were covered with poison for the purpose of eradicating plague foci.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco	Jan. 30, 1908	Oct. 23, 1908	None	398 rats.
Oakland	Aug. 9, 1911	Dec. 1, 1908	do	126 rats.
Berkeley	Aug. 27, 1907	None	do	None.
Los Angeles	Aug. 11, 1908	do	Aug. 21, 1908	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 26, 1909	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	Oct. 9, 1911	114 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa	July 21, 1911	None	Sept. 23, 1911	364 squirrels.
Fresno	None	do	Oct. 27, 1911	1 squirrel.
Merced	do	do	July 13, 1911	5 squirrels.
Monterey	do	do	Aug. 6, 1911	Do.
San Benito	June 5, 1910	do	June 8, 1911	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin	Sept. 18, 1911	do	Aug. 26, 1911	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo	None	do	Jan. 29, 1910	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara	Aug. 23, 1910	do	Oct. 5, 1910	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz	None	do	May 17, 1910	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus	do	do	June 2, 1911	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle	Oct. 30, 1907	Sept. 21, 1911	None	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley	Mar. 2, 1912	2	[1] 160	76	.....
Oakland	do	24	[2] 637	437	.....
San Francisco	do	11	[3] 1,637	1,200	.....
Counties—					
San Joaquin	do	.....	[4] 77	77	.....
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle	do	.....	993	948	.....

[1] Identified: Mus norvegicus, 79; Mus rattus, 1; Mus musculus, 80.
[2] Identified: Mus norvegicus, 482; Mus rattus, 2; Mus musculus, 152; Mus alexandrinus, 1.
[3] Identified: Mus norvegicus, 761; Mus rattus, 200; Mus musculus, 441; Mus alexandrinus, 235.
[4] Identified: Mus norvegicus, 76; Mus musculus, 1.

SMALLPOX IN THE UNITED STATES.

In the following table the States indicated by an asterisk are those from which reports of smallpox are received only from certain city, and in some cases county, boards of health. In these States, therefore, the recorded cases and deaths should not be taken as showing the general prevalence of the disease. In the States not marked by an asterisk the reports are received monthly from the State boards of health, and include all cases reported to the State authorities.